Sl.No.	Name of the developer	Area (in hectares)	Location	Type of units
1	Meditab Specialities Private Limited	123.2	Bhut-Khamb, Kerim, Tal-Pomda, Goa	Pharmaceuticals and Chemical products
2	Paradigm Logistics and Distribution Private Limited	40.25	Phase-IV-Verna Industrial Estate, Goa	Information Technology/ Information Technology Enables Services
3	K. Raheja Corp. Pvt. Ltd.	107.17	Phase-IV-Verna Industrial Estate, Goa	Services
4	Peninsula Pharma Research Centre Private Limited	20.36	Sancoale, Goa	Bio-tech

Virginia Tobacco farmers in the country

730. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Virginia Tobacco farmers in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the farmers have sought permission to expand their Virginia Tobacco cultivation;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government in this respect; and

(d) the steps taken to assist the Indian Tobacco farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) There are a total of 85,432 registered FCV tobacco farmers in the country.

(b) The FCV tobacco farmers of AP requested for increase in the crop size fixed initially by the Tobacco Board for 2006-07 AP crop season.

(c) On consideration of the request of AP FVC tobacco farmers, the crop size of 2006-07 AP crop season has been increased from 129.12 Mkg to 150 Mkg inclusive of 10% quantity as nature's bounty.

(d) The Tobacco Board provides assistance to tobacco farmers through various Extension and Development schemes for improving the quality and production of tobacco in tune with the changing international demand and quality. The Board extends subsidy from 25% to 50% to the growers under various schemes such as Farm Mechanization, Integrated Pest Management, Energy conversation measures like fixing venturi furnaces to Barns and Roof Insulation to the Barns etc. The Board also helps farmers in construction of mini check dams/farm ponds for irrigation of tobacco crops and arranges input loans crop loans.

Non-Tariff Barriers on Indian tobacco by USA

731. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of exports of un-manufactured tobacco exported to USA during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the USA has imposed non-tariff barriers on Indian tobacco;

(c) if so, whether Government have received representations from farmers in this regard; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to raise this issue with the USA Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Exports of unmanufactured tobacco to USA during the last three years are as under:-

Year	Quantity (Tons)	Value (Rs. Crores)
2003-04	1863	6.50
2004-05	2797	13.22
2005-06	3222	11.17

(Source; Tobacco Board)

(b) There is no specific non-tariff barrier on Indian Tobacco exports to USA. However, India has to compete with several other tobacco exporting